ACT of the Synod of *Perth* and *Stirling*, Reſtoring Meſſrs. *Ebenezer Erskine*, *William Wilſon*, *Alexander Moncrief* and *James Fiſher* to the Exerciſe of their Miniſtry.

At Stirling *the ſecond of* July, *One thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty four Years.*

THE Synod of *Perth* and *Stirling*, having, in Obedience to the Act and Appointment of the General Aſſembly, dated at *Edinburgh* the fourteenth Day of *May* laſt, met and conveened at *Stirling* this Day, and taking the Caſe of the four Brethren, Mrs. *Ebenezer Erskine*, *William Wilſon*, *Alexander Moncrief* and *James Fiſher*, under their ſerious Conſideration, with the Power and Authority delegated to them by the ſaid General Aſſembly, to do therein as they ſhall find moſt juſtifiable and expedient for attaining the Ends mentioned in the ſaid Act, and tending moſt for Edification for the future; and having alſo conſidered the Application that has been made by Petitions and Addreſſes to this Synod from Towns and Pariſhes concerned, in behalf of theſe Brethren, and remembring how warmly the Elders in many Pariſhes of this Province did Addreſs their reſpective Presbyteries in their Favours before the laſt Aſſembly; and after long and ſerious Deliberation and Reaſoning upon the whole Caſe of the ſaid four Brethren as it now ſtands; They are of Opinion, that the uniting and reſtoring of them to Miniſterial Communion with this Church, and to their reſpective Charges, and to the Judicatories to which they belong, and the free Exerciſe of their Miniſterial Function therein, by a ſolemn Act and judicial Deed of the General Aſſembly of this Church, whoſe Power and Authority as to this Matter is, by the foremention'd Act delegated to this Synod, will very much tend to reſtore the Peace, and preſerve the juſt Authority of this Church in the Exerciſe of all its righteous Privileges and Miniſterial Functions, and to promote the Edification of the Members of the Body of Chriſt. THEREFORE, this Synod, by virtue of the foreſaid delegated Power and Authority, and in the Name of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, did and hereby do, with one Voice and Conſent take off the Sentences pronounced by the Commiſſion of the General Aſſembly one thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty three Years, againſt the foreſaid four Brethren, Mrs. *Ebenezer Erskine*, *William Wilſon*, *Alexander Moncrief* and *James Fiſher*, declaring the ſame of no Force nor Effect for the future, Unite and Reſtore them to the Miniſterial Communion with this Church, to their ſeveral Charges, and to the Exerciſe of all the parts of their Miniſterial Function therein, as fully and freely as if there had never been any Act, Sentence, Obſtacle or Impediment whatſoever in the way thereof in Times paſt; all which are hereby declared ſopit and ſet aſide for the future; and the Synod do Recommend to theſe four Reverend Brethren to carry towards the LORD's Servants their Brethren Miniſters of this Church, and their reſpective Flocks and Charges, as Miniſters of CHRIST and his Goſpel ought to do in all Time coming; and they do in like Manner recommend to the reſpective reverend Presbyteries of *Perth*, *Stirling* and *Dunkeld*, to receive them as Members of their reſpective Presbyteries, and behave towards them, as Miniſters of CHRIST in this Church; and do enjoin, not only the Miniſters of the ſaid Presbyteries, but alſo of all other Presbyteries in their Bounds, and the ſaid four Brethren, ſo to demean themſelves towards each other, as may anſwer the Obligations they came under by their Ordination Vows in the LORD; and the Synod take this Opportunity to warn all the People in this Province, to beware of every Thing may have a Attendency to obſtruct the good Ends of this Act, and what the late general Aſſembly had ſo much at Heart, to wit, the Peace and Unity of this Church, by doing what may encourage Diviſion, or weaken the Hands of the LORD's Servants ſet over them. And further, the Synod appoint the Names of the ſaid four Bretheren to be immediately inrolled in the Roll of this Synod; and that Mr. *Hamilton* read this Act from the Pulpit of *Stirling*, Mr. *Black* from the Pulpit of *Perth*, Mr. *Meek* from the Pulpit of *Abernethy*, and Mr. *Gow* from the Pulpit of *Kincleaven*; and that upon ſome LORD's Day betwixt and the firſt of *Auguſt*. And the Synod recommend to Mr. *Hamilton* to acquaint Mr. *Erskine*, Mr. *Pilmar* to acquaint Mr. *Moncreif*, Mr. *Macintoſh* to acquaint Mr. *Wilſon*, and Mr. *Gow* to acquaint Mr. *Fiſher* of this Act and Sentence, with their firſt Conveniency. And finally, they appoint this Act to be inſert in all the Presbytery Books within this Province; and they leave it to every Miniſter, to intimate the ſame to their Congregation, as they ſee Cauſe. Extracted by,

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